

**Minutes of the  
Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC)**

Meeting on January 25, 2006  
Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza  
300 J Street  
Sacramento, California

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bruce Allen, Lourdes Baézconde-Garbanati, Theresa Boschert, Gregory Franklin, Alan Henderson, Susanne Hildebrand-Zanki, Kirk Kleinschmidt, and Dorothy Rice

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ron Arias, Stella Aguinaga Bialous, Rod Lew, and Deborah Sanchez

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Emily Ballesteus, Resources and Education Supporting People Everywhere Controlling Tobacco (RESPECT), American Lung Association (ALA) of the East Bay  
Lynn Bartolo, Board of Equalization (BOE)  
Kelli Berliner, Chief, Local Programs and Priority Populations Unit, Tobacco Control Section (TCS), California Department of Health Services (CDHS)  
Francisco Buchting, Tobacco Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP), University of California (UC)  
David Cowling, Chief, Evaluation Unit (EU), TCS, CDHS  
Vic Day, BOE  
Gretta Foss-Holland, TCS, CDHS  
Bob Gordon, California Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Tobacco Education Partnership  
Larry Gruder, TRDRP, UC  
Tonia Hagaman, Chief, Local Programs and Special Projects Unit, TCS, CDHS  
Joy Hansen, Administrative Support Unit (ASU), TCS, CDHS  
Kimberlee Homer, California Youth Advocacy Network  
Kathony Jerauld, Strategic Planning and Policy Unit (SPPU), TCS, CDHS  
Dian Kiser, RESPECT, ALA of the East Bay  
Paul Knepprath, ALA of California  
John Lagomarsino, Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office (SHKPO), California Department of Education (CDE)  
Rebecca Lee, Department of Finance (DOF)  
Lori Loftis, Chief, ASU, TCS, CDHS  
Donald O. Lyman, Chief, Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Control, CDHS  
Ana Matosantos, California Health and Human Services Agency  
Dave McKillip, BOE  
Anissa Nachman, DOF  
Meredith Nixon, ALA, Center for Tobacco Policy and Organizing (The Center)  
Greg Oliva, Chief, SPPU, TCS, CDHS  
Cathy Palmer, Chief, Contracts Management Unit, TCS, CDHS  
April Roeseler, Chief, Local Programs and Evaluation, TCS, CDHS  
Meredith Rolfe, SHKPO, CDE  
Bill Ruppert, TCS, CDHS

Robin Shimizu, Assistant Chief, TCS, CDHS  
Kurt Snipes, Acting Chief, Cancer Control Branch, CDHS  
Peggy Uyeda, Los Angeles County Office of Education  
Kimberly Weich Reusché, ALA, The Center  
Rhonda West-Peters, African American Tobacco Education Partnership  
Shelley Whitebear, American Indian Tobacco Education Partnership

### **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND OPENING COMMENTS**

TEROC Chairperson Kirk Kleinschmidt called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Each of the Committee members introduced themselves. Members of the audience also introduced themselves and identified their affiliations.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The minutes of the October 20, 2005, regular TEROC meeting were approved as written.

The Chairman called members' attention to the outgoing correspondence included in today's member packet: the letter to the Lavender-Americans on Smoking and Health in support of including a question on sexual orientation/gender identity in the basic demographic information collected by the California Smokers' Helpline (Helpline); the letter to Mr. Jack O'Connell, Superintendent of Public Instruction, encouraging him to sponsor the legislation necessary to implement the Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) Task Force recommendations; the second letter to Superintendent O'Connell encouraging him to require school districts that accept TUPE non-competitive grant funds to refuse acceptance of tobacco industry funding or materials or lose TUPE funding; and the letter to Ms. Traci Verardo upon her resignation from TEROC.

### **3. ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENTS**

The Chairperson and others commented on some recent environmental developments.

The United States (U.S.) Department of Justice lawsuit, which has been going on for approximately five years, is now awaiting a decision by Judge Kessler. The decision could come any day.

The Surgeon General's report is due to be released in May or June of this year. The focus is on secondhand smoke (SHS) which should help the local clean indoor air efforts across the country.

The Court of Appeals decision went against the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company (RJR) in their lawsuit regarding the state sampling law. The Attorney General (AG) has settled with RJR over the amount of money owed for violating the law. The Chairman suggested inviting Mr. Dennis Eckhart of the AG's Office to come to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss their tobacco-related enforcement work.

The Tax Credit Allocation Committee of the State Treasurer's Office approved an incentive for developers of subsidized and affordable housing that would grant one tax credit point for keeping one-half of the units as smoke-free. A large coalition of tobacco control advocacy groups have been working for several years to bring this about. This is a giant step forward to show the importance of smoke-free housing. TEROC members agreed to send a letter to the Tax Credit Allocation Committee to applaud their action.

#### 4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mr. Paul Knepprath and Ms. Meredith Nixon of the American Lung Association (ALA) handed out and discussed a tobacco-related legislation update and the vote record of the 2005 legislative session.

Ms. Nixon explained that February 24, 2006, is the deadline for introducing new legislative bills and no new tobacco-related bills have been introduced. There were several two-year bills and none of these appear to be moving forward. These include: Senate Bill (SB) 400 (Kuehl) to strengthen the state's tobacco licensing program; SB 942 (Chesbro) and Assembly Bill (AB) 1612 (Pavley) to levy a fee on tobacco manufacturers to pay for cleaning up tobacco litter and for public health programs; and SB 564 (Torlakson) to increase the tobacco tax by \$1.00 to support children's health and tobacco control programs.

Senator Ortiz's bill (SB 576), to require all health insurance carriers and health care service plans to provide tobacco cessation programs, was vetoed by the Governor, and there has been no attempt to reintroduce this bill.

Mr. Knepprath provided a fact sheet on the Tobacco Tax Initiative of 2006 (see enclosed) and he reviewed it for the Committee. A coalition of ALA, the American Cancer Society (ACS), and the American Heart Association (AHA), plus more than 11 other health/medical care organizations are sponsoring a single, unified, comprehensive statewide initiative to raise the tobacco tax by \$2.60 per pack of cigarettes. This is expected to raise approximately \$2.27 billion for: children's health insurance; emergency care services; nurse education; disease prevention, treatment and research; tobacco use prevention and control; and community clinics. The initiative would fully fund a backfill to the Proposition (Prop) 10 program, but not to the breast cancer or Prop 99 programs. It would provide approximately \$250 million for tobacco control, prevention, and research for the California Department of Education (CDE), the California Department of Health Services (CDHS), and the University of California (UC), would triple the Helpline budget and expand money for the enforcement of the tobacco control related laws. The coalition expects strong opposition to the initiative.

The Committee members asked some questions:

*Is there any polling data on a large tax increase?* There has been strong support over time and the most recent data from December 2005 shows no drop in support.

*How would this proposed level of financial support for the state tobacco control, prevention, and research program compare to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended amounts?* This would fund TCS at the upper mid-range of CDC recommendations.

*Has the impact on the quit rate been calculated for the \$2.60 tax?* CDHS is studying the impact of the proposed tax increase and should have information by the end of February 2006. However, the increased tax alone will drive down tobacco use and provide increased revenue.

*Has the Board of Equalization (BOE) done an analysis on the proposed tobacco tax increase?* Not yet.

*Does the initiative include a cost of living adjustment?* No.

*Would California have the highest tobacco tax?* Yes, if this initiative is approved, California would be the state with the highest tobacco tax at \$3.47 per pack of cigarettes.

*What is the status or timetable for qualifying this initiative?* It was submitted in December 2005, the summary should come from the AG's Office by February 8, 2006, and the signature drive will begin on February 11, 2006. The initiative committee will need to collect 1.1 million signatures to qualify for the November ballot.

The Chairman noted that the TEROC Master Plan (MP) language supports a tobacco tax increase of "at least \$1.50" with "at least 20 cents" for tobacco control and research and is consistent with the proposed initiative. The Chairman said the initiative would be on the agenda for the May TEROC meeting for the Committee to decide if it wants to take any action on the measure.

## **5. BUDGET UPDATE**

Ms. Anissa Nachman from the Department of Finance (DOF) and Ms. Ana Matosantos from the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) discussed the material in the members' packets related to the Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2006-07.

Revenue – Adjustments have been made to the 2005-06 budget reflecting an increase in revenue from \$321 million to \$325 million. The Governor's budget for 2006-07 estimates a \$10 million increase in revenue over the 2005 adjusted appropriation. These increases in revenue are attributed to improvements in the collection of tobacco taxes, the tobacco products licensing bill, the new cigarette tax stamp, and expected recovery from internet/mail order sales, rather than a change in consumption.

Expenditures – The 2006-07 budget includes the removal of the several one-time increases amounting to \$30.3 million, and the removal of the one-time reduction of \$20 million for the Major Risk Medical Insurance Program. The proposed budget provides increased funding for: BOE fee (+\$1.1 million), CDHS Media Campaign (+\$4.3 million), CDHS Evaluation/TEROC (+\$1.8 million), CDHS Competitive Grants (+\$1.3 million), Orthopedic Hospital Settlement (+\$17.7 million), and Asthma Prevention Program (+\$1 million). The one-time funding in 2005-06 to the Asthma Prevention Program (\$3 million), Rural Health Demonstration Project (\$1 million), and Healthy Families Consumer Assessment (\$175,000) will become on-going funding in 2006-07.

Committee Members asked:

*What is the Orthopedic Hospital Settlement?* This has to do with Medi-Cal provider rates, and last year the Legislature and the Administration decided to use funds from Prop 99 Hospital Services and Unallocated Accounts (UA) to pay for this settlement.

*What is the justification for the increase in BOE fee?* This is related to the BOE proposal to improve recovery of taxes from internet/mail order cigarette and other tobacco product sales.

*Will the proposed initiative substantially increase the tobacco tax sales on the Internet, and therefore will it increase BOE and AG expenditures?* Yes to both.

*The increase to CDHS from the Research account (RA) is designated for what?* It is to cover the increase in the baseline administrative costs.

*There also appears to be an increase to the Cancer Registry from the RA.* This also reflects an increase in the baseline administrative costs for the Cancer Registry's external contracts.

*Is there a set formula or mandate for allocating funds to the three major CDE accounts in the budget?* The levels in the CDE accounts have been constant for several years and changed only based on cost of living increases. If CDE wishes to make changes in these accounts, they should work with their counterpart at DOF.

*Is there any reason why the funds shown in unrestricted reserve in the RA have not been allocated to the Tobacco Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP)?* It may be that there was no proposal to allocate these funds; UC may wish to take measures to address this and get TEROC's support for its request. TEROC members said the Committee should send a letter of support to allocate these funds to TRDRP in the May Revise.

*Has there been any change in tobacco consumption?* CDHS responded that the consumption rate is flat at the present time.

The Chairman stated to the DOF and CHHSA representatives that funding for the Cancer Registry should not come from Prop 99. Since it looks like this is not going to change for this budget, he asked that, if the tax initiative passes, could there be an agreement to remove the Cancer Registry from the RA? DOF responded that: at this point, the Administration supports this budget, it is consistent with the policy directions, they have responded to TEROC in the past on this subject, they appreciate TEROC's perspective and its recommendations for an effective comprehensive program, and invite further discussion on the matter if the initiative passes.

A member said that lung cancer is approximately 30 percent of all cancer cases, so as a matter of policy no more than 30 percent of the funding for the Cancer Registry should come from Prop 99. DOF said that the RA is not the only source of funds for the Cancer Registry and that it gets funding from the General Fund, the breast cancer program, and others. A member said she remembers that during the court hearing some years ago when the use of Prop 99 funds was being litigated, the judge specifically stated that the tumor registry cannot be construed as research; therefore, funding the registry out of the RA was not within the intent of Prop 99. The member stated she believes this was part of the ruling or verdict. Mr. Knepprath of ALA said he would look into the language from the court case and get back to the Committee.

The Chairman asked CDHS to explain how the increase in its funding would be allocated. CDHS explained that the \$1.8 million increase for evaluation is being allocated for studies around smoke-free housing and for the expansion of the special population studies to American Indians and Filipinos. The \$1.3 million augmentation to the Competitive Grants Program will be used to establish a cessation center to provide statewide technical assistance and training for cessation programs, and to augment the Clearinghouse for new educational materials for priority populations. The increase of \$4.3 million to the media campaign will be used for some additional general market advertising but primarily for advertisements (ads) for Spanish, Asian, and low-income target groups. Spanish-language media is more expensive. A member asked what process was used to make these decisions. CDHS responded that they were given a very short time to prepare a plan, and used previous strategic planning recommendations.

After discussion, the members decided to send a letter to DOF recommending the May Revise of the 2006-07 budget increase appropriation for TRDRP by the amount of the

unrestricted reserve in the Prop 99 RA. They decided to hold off any action regarding communication with the Administration over diversion of Prop 99 funds to the Cancer Registry until there is clarity on the language from the previous court decision.

## **6. PROGRAM REPORTS BY THE AGENCIES**

(Each agency sends a written report to TEROC prior to the meeting and responds to questions at the meeting.)

### **a) University of California, Tobacco Related Disease Research Program Report**

UC announced that Dr. Charles DiSogra has resigned from the position of Director, TRDRP, and they have initiated a search for his successor. Larry Gruder will be the acting director of TRDRP in the interim. Once UC Human Resources approves the position announcement, they will have it posted where potential applicants will see it, and they will be very proactive in contacting people who may know potential candidates. There were a number of excellent candidates a couple of years ago who may still be interested. Members expressed interest in getting a copy of the announcement when it is ready. The Committee agreed to send a letter to Dr. DiSogra to thank him for his contributions in the tobacco research arena.

UC highlighted some information from their written report:

- Awards for the 15<sup>th</sup> cycle of tobacco-related research grants would be made in July 2006. The 257 applications received were approximately one-third more than last year. The quality of the applications make the process extremely competitive and the addition of \$1.8 million from the unrestricted reserve would be most welcome. The reasons for the increase in applications could be the result of work of staff who have been actively reaching out to researchers, as well as the result of the Scientific Conference.
- Applications for the School-Academic Research Awards (SARA) and Community-Academic Research Awards (CARA) grants are down dramatically. These are difficult projects to carry out. The program is looking at ways to increase technical support and marketing and other ways to increase these projects that have proven to be quite valuable. One of the members commented that the SARA and CARA grants have produced some excellent results which have been useful to the tobacco control programs, and that UC should do whatever it takes to continue these grants.

In response to a question regarding the status of the evaluation of the *I Decide: Teen Tobacco Cessation Program*, UC responded that a Request for Applications for an evaluation of the CDE cessation program was re-issued with an increased funding amount in November 2005. UC received three applications by the January 19, 2006, deadline for this three-year study.

In response to a question on whether TRDRP had received any feedback from legislators on their annual report, UC said they have received a few thanks and requests for additional information.

### **b) California Department of Health Services, Tobacco Control Section Report**

CDHS reported that in the spring, the Helpline will integrate one question on sexual orientation into its screener questionnaire and conduct a six-month study of the effects of

the question. It will involve approximately 18,000 of the English and Spanish callers, half will receive the question and half will not. The study will evaluate the objections to the question, the refusals, and the hang-ups. The other states that have been asking the sexual orientation question (Arizona, Kansas, New Mexico, and Pennsylvania) have tracked refusals, but so far have not completed an in-depth evaluation of the overall effect of the question. Their refusal rate has been in the four to five percent range. In response to a question on whether Arizona had removed the question, CDHS responded that Arizona dropped the question from its prevalence questionnaire.

CDHS highlighted information from their written report:

- The Center for Tobacco Policy and Organizing (the Center) has been training and coordinating information and education (I&E) visits to build relationships with legislators and their staff to educate them about tobacco control issues. Local Legislative District Days were held October 17-21, 2005. More than 40 districts were visited and participants reported positive results. Currently, the Center is organizing I&E visits with state legislators at the Capitol on April 19-20, 2006. The TEROC Master Plan will be one of the tools used to educate the lawmakers. Some TEROC members expressed interest in participating in the I&E visits to state legislators. TCS said that TEROC members were invited, their travel expenses would be paid for, and emphasized that it would be good if interested TEROC members also participate in the training prior to the I&E visits. TCS will provide additional information to TEROC members regarding the planned April I&E activity.
- WestEd, the agency that administers the tobacco surveys for both TCS and Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office (SHKPO) is working with CDHS and CDE to coordinate the in-school surveys. This is to reduce the burden on the schools and help overcome some resistance by school administrators and teachers.
- The California Youth Advocacy Network has scheduled their ninth annual "Youth Quest" for March 27, 2006, in Sacramento to recognize the achievements of youth advocates throughout the state and will celebrate "Change...powered by youth." Youth participants will have opportunities to meet with their legislators.
- The statewide Secondhand Smoke Conference is scheduled for San Diego on May 16-17, 2006. With the theme "Smoke-free California: Where We Live, Work, and Play," the conference will provide the latest research, successes, and legal and community tools to help programs to eliminate SHS. TCS expects approximately 200 attendees. Immediately after the Conference in San Diego on May 18, 2006, TCS will conduct a one-day Multi-unit Housing Summit with other states working on smoke-free multi-unit housing issues.
- The 21 priority populations planning grants are completing their needs assessments and planning phase and are about to complete and submit their two-year comprehensive plan for the implementation phase (Phase II). TCS issued guidelines and is conducting several trainings to assist grantees to develop the Phase II plan.
- The Point of Sale Practices Workgroup has become quite active in all the issues related to increasing local tobacco licensing ordinances, improving enforcement of local licensing, and reporting violations to BOE. There are currently more than 46 local jurisdictions with tobacco licensing ordinances.
- The proposed restructuring of TCS was approved, except for the creation of a Section Chief. Therefore, TCS will continue to function without a Section Chief. Ms. Robin Shimizu, Assistant Chief, TCS, and Ms. April Roeseler, Chief, Local Programs and Evaluation, TCS, will continue to report directly to Dr. Kurt Snipes, Acting Chief, Cancer Control Branch. Within the next six months, there may be a reorganization of the Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Control (CDIC) of which

TCS is a section. The Chairman asked for specifics about reorganization of CDIC. CDHS replied that a reorganization of the Division is in the talking/planning phase at the present time, different options are being reviewed, including focusing on primary prevention, secondary prevention, and treatment.

The Media Unit reported that:

- The “Recipe” ad which parodies television cooking shows has been approved and production completed. The package of 15 ad concepts for the general market and for low socio-economic-status (SES) market are at the CHHSA level for approval at the present time. The ethnic campaigns will follow the general market campaign.
- Ads are being tested in focus groups. Some of the ads for the low SES group tested very well. Showing the profits of the tobacco industry (TI) and the high salaries of the tobacco executives is a powerful message to the low SES group. Ad concepts for Asians are being tested in focus groups in Los Angeles next week and Hispanic focus groups are scheduled for the following week. In the past, focus groups have shown that Asians regard the TI as just another business. The media campaign is trying to increase the passion about the issue. The African-American ad concepts fell flat in the focus groups, so it is back to the drawing board on the concepts.
- Spokesperson trainings are being scheduled throughout the state by TCS’ public relations firm and TERO members are welcome to attend. TCS will provide additional information to Committee members.
- Last week, TCS conducted focus groups among patrons of gambling casinos. The messages learned were: that any campaign for smoke-free casinos will be difficult; that smokers feel this is the last place they can smoke without being treated like a child; that smokers and non-smokers alike say they will tolerate smoke to gamble; that casino patrons have no empathy for casino employees; and that low SES casino patrons greatly overestimate smoking prevalence. Someone commented that the American Indian Tobacco Education Partnership conducted a poll of casino employees and found that 80 percent of casino employees are not enrolled tribal members.
- The 2003 lawsuit by RJR against the media campaign regarding First Amendment rights went before the U.S. Supreme Court and on February 26, 2006, the Court turned down the request for review.
- On January 26, 2006, California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA) and the Air Resources Board will review the Cal EPA report that classifies SHS as a toxic air contaminant. CDHS is prepared to release a statement if the report is approved, and the media campaign plans to use the message in various ways.

c) California Department of Education, Safe and Healthy Kids Program Office Report

CDE highlighted information from their written report.

- Strengthening the Program Structure – CDE has been meeting regularly with TCS to share information and collaborate on the in-school surveys, components of the MP, and the TUPE Grants. The AG’s opinion requires school districts that receive TUPE funds to participate in the California Student Tobacco Survey, if selected, as a requirement for TUPE funding. Seven districts have declined to participate, but only two or three of



these receive TUPE funding. One school has declined funding. Funding will be withheld from those districts/schools that continue their non-compliance. The Regional Youth Development Grants will end on June 30, 2006, because of lack of funds.

- Eliminating Disparities – CDE has data on ethnic/cultural make up in the larger school districts but not for the smaller school districts. WestEd collects ethnic data on all respondents statewide but only releases such data for the larger districts to avoid breaches of anonymity or confidentiality. County data can be used, but it is not broken down for specific school districts. School districts can buy their raw data for a small fee from WestEd and do their own analysis. CDE encourages the larger districts that have their ethnic data to discuss the disparities in their TUPE applications. A member commented that school districts have aggregate ethnic data on their free or reduced price lunch program.
- Exposure to SHS – CDE and the county offices of education continue to certify school districts' smoke-free status. Because of some signage problems, CDE is standardizing the sign that will be required in all schools.
- Availability of Cessation Assistance – CDE is encouraging school districts to provide cessation services. Information regarding the Helpline was provided to all CDE personnel as an alternative to smoking cessation support classes offered by CDE.
- Other – Fourth through eighth grade entitlements have gone out. The competitive grant applications are due into CDE today. CDE had received 158 Letters of Intent. The Committee asked CDE to report at the next meeting, by school district, the number of letters of intent received, number of applications received, the number of awards made, and the barriers to applying for grants.
- TUPE Task Force Recommendations – Superintendent O'Connell has not decided on legislation for the 2006 legislative session, but the Task Force recommendations are not on his short list. The Chairman suggested that the Committee invite the Director of CDHS and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the next TERO meeting.

In response to a question concerning SHKPO staff vacancies, CDE responded that all nine consultant staff positions are filled. However, it should be noted that not all of the consultants are fully TUPE funded or spend 100 percent time in TUPE responsibilities. The Chairman recommended that CDE/SHKPO staff work with their Department financial or budget office to revise their Prop 99 state administration funding.

## **7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS**

There were no public questions or public comments.

## **8. MASTER PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

The Chairman announced that the MP had been approved at the December 2005 special MP meeting. Members made comments applauding Ms. Rhonda Robins for her excellent work in writing the MP.

The Chairman and Ms. Gretta Foss-Holland, the graphic artist for the MP, reviewed six cover art options with the members. After a discussion and vote, the Committee decided on a cover, with modifications, to be used for the MP.

Ms. Foss-Holland said the final copy of the MP will go to the printer in February and copies should be ready for distribution by the end of March or early April 2006. There were questions concerning the distribution list, and TCS agreed to send the distribution list to TEROC members for feedback.

The TEROC members discussed the fact that presently TEROC has one vacancy and the terms of all the remaining members have expired. TCS said CDHS has alerted the Administration that the terms have expired and has supplied the list of members to the Administration. It was suggested that members who were appointed by the Senate or the Assembly contact those respective legislative bodies, and, if a member is representing ACS, ALA, or AHA, he or she may want to contact that agency.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATES:**

May 23, 2006, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sacramento, Regular Meeting  
September 12, 2006, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Los Angeles, Regular Meeting  
November 14, 2006, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oakland, Regular Meeting  
January 23, 2007, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sacramento, Regular Meeting

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.**

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

1. TEROC to send a letter to the State Treasurer's Office, Tax Credit Allocation Committee, applauding it for establishing a tax credit for developing smoke-free multi-unit housing.
2. TEROC to send a letter to the UC encouraging it to take action to allocate the Prop 99 RA unrestricted reserve funds to TRDRP in the May Revision of the Governor's budget.
3. TEROC to send a letter to Dr. Charles DiSogra to thank him for his contributions to tobacco research.
4. TCS to provide TEROC additional information concerning the April 19 and 20, 2006 I&E visits to state legislators.
5. TCS to provide TEROC additional information concerning spokesperson trainings.
6. CDE/SHKPO to provide TEROC, at its May meeting, information, by school district, on the number of Letters of Intent for the competitive grants, the number of applications received, and the number of grants awarded, plus the barriers to applying for competitive grants.
7. TCS to provide the chairperson with the distribution list for the MP for feedback.
8. Mr. Knepprath to research and report to TEROC concerning the Superior Court ruling regarding the use and diversion of Prop 99 funds as it may apply to the use of RA funds for the Cancer Registry operations.
9. TEROC to send a letter to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director, CDHS, to invite them to the May TEROC meeting.

#### **ENCLOSURES**

1. Copy of the document *Facts About the Tobacco Tax of 2006*.